

July 13, 2020

TO: NEWINGTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

REPORT ON POCD REFERRAL POCD-2020-3: Comprehensive update to the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development

COMMISSIONERS: Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned referral. Notice of this proposal was transmitted to the Policy and Planning Division of the Capitol Region Council of Governments under the provisions of Section 8-23 (h)(4) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

COMMENT: The staff of the Regional Planning Commission of the Capitol Region Council of Governments has reviewed this referral and finds no apparent conflicts with regional plans and policies, the growth management principles of the State Plan of Conservation and Development, plans of conservation and development of other municipalities in the region, or the concerns of neighboring towns. We commend the Town and would further encourage reducing parking requirements as well as exploring shared regional services where appropriate. Staff also commends incorporation of complete streets in the POCD and commits to working with Newington on regional bicycle planning efforts and adoption of a complete streets policy. The Town may find the Sustainable Land Use Code Project Model Regulations helpful regarding affordable housing, accessory dwelling units, and appropriate transit-oriented development densities. This code can be found at <http://crcog.org/2016/04/28/sustainable-land-use-regulation-project-crcog-model-land-use-regulations/>.

The public hearing date has been scheduled for 7/22/2020.

In accordance with our procedures this letter will constitute final CRCOG action on this referral. Questions concerning this referral should be directed to Caitlin Palmer.

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Respectfully submitted,

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